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Combat Camera, Camp Johnson, North Carolina

Welcome to the Retirement Ceremony of:

Major Smeac Bamcis

United States Marine Corps

1 April 2014

Bachelors Officers Quarters
Camp Johnson, North Carolina

Sequence of Events

Invocation

Sound Attention

National Anthem

Retirement of Marine

Commanding Officer Remarks

Remarks by Marine

Anchors Aweigh

Marines' Hymn

Conclusion of Ceremony

The Watch

For years this Marine has stood the watch.

While many of us lay about our bunks at night,

this Marine stood the watch.

While others of us were attending schools,

this Marine stood the watch.

And, yes, even before many of us were born,

this Marine stood the watch.

As our families watched the storm clouds of war brewing on

the horizons of history, he stood the watch.

This Marine looked ashore and saw his family often needing

guidance, but he knew that he must stay because he had

the watch.

For years he stood watch so that our fellow countrymen

could sleep soundly, in safety,

knowing that this Marine would stand the watch.

Today we are here to say - the watch stands relieved.

Marines' Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma
to the shores of Tripoli,
We fight our country's battles,
in the air, on land and sea
First to fight for right and freedom
and to keep our honor clean,
We are proud to claim the title of
United States Marine.

Our Flags unfurled to every breeze,
from dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place,
where we could take a gun.
In the snow of far off northern lands
and sunny tropic scenes,
You will always find us on the job,
the United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps,
which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve.
If the Army and the Navy
Ever look on heaven's scenes,
They will find the streets are guarded by
United States Marines.

Marines' Prayer

Almighty Father whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm

Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold. If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen.

Rank Name
United States Marine Corps

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